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	Examiner Anthony H Nguyen	Art Unit 2854	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on May 17, 2004 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) a patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Kreckel et al. (US 6,588,337).

With respect to claim 6, MacPhee et al. teaches a method for cleaning a soiled surface of a cylinder in a printing press having the steps of providing a supply roll 126 with a cleaning cloth 124 pre-treated with a solvent (Kreckel et al., col.3 lines 60-63), placing the pre-treated cleaning cloth via a pressing means 38 against the soiled surface of a blanket cylinder 114 and rolling up the soiled cleaning cloth by a take-up roll 128. Kreckel et al. does not teach clearly the cleaning cloth with a solvent of high viscosity. However, the use of a cleaning cloth with a solvent of high viscosity for cleaning a printing cylinder is conventional. Therefore, it would have been obvious to

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one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the cleaning method of Kreckel et al. by providing a conventional cleaning cloth with a conventional use of a solvent of high viscosity for cleaning a soiled surface of the printing cylinder for optimum cleaning effects. Also, note that the selection of a desired solvent of high viscosity for a cleaning cloth would be obvious through routine experimentation in order to get best possible cleaning the surface of a printing cylinder. With respect to claim 7, Kreckel et al. teaches that a cleaning medium can be applied to a soiled surface of a cylinder for cleaning (Kreckel et al., col.7, the second paragraph). With respect to claims 8-10, the use of a dampening solution as a cleaning medium for cleaning a printing cylinder is well known in the art.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

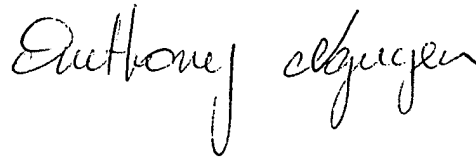
The patents to Lippold et al., Iijima, Ebina et al., and Sondergeld et al. are cited to show other methods having obvious similarities to the claimed method.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2169. The examiner can normally be reached daily from 9 AM to 5PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

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Andrew Hirshfeld, can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony Nguyen".

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